

## THE NAME OF SMITH.

Why Every Member of This Numerous Family Should be Proud of It.

Report of the select committee of five Smiths on the petition of Albert J Smith for a change of name:

Mr. J. B. Smith, from the select committee, to which was referred the petition of Albert J. Smith praying that his name may be changed, reports that they have taken into careful consideration the only reason upon which the prayer of the petitioner is based. As the request seems to be founded on the assumption that Smith could not properly be called a name, it appeared to be incumbent on your Committee to examine whether this position was tenable or not. Your Committee after an arduous investigation are prepared to show that Smith is not only a true name,

But 'tis a name so spread o'er Sir and Madam, That one would think the first who bore it Adam.

There appear to be various opinions among the learned as to its origin. There is an ancient tradition extant that when men began to multiply upon the earth, in the paucity of language, it became difficult to find names for them all. It was suggested upon the ground of a careless expediency that never looks shead to consequences that the number yet left should be called Smith. There is something very plausible in this theory of the origin of the name, as it accounts for the multitude to whom it belongs, without resorting to the highly improbable supposition that the Smiths are a more thrifty and prolific race than those of any other name.

There is another opinion of a distin guished and learned critic, which the Committee considers worthy of attention, viz., that the name Smith is a mere corruption of the term formerly applied to designate the Phrygian Apollo whose surname was Smintheus. Now, by any transition may it not be supposed that this august name has undergone change that brings it to its present orthography? - Smintheus, Smitheus, Smithe, Smith. Some of the family even now assume that this is the true origin of the name, and take a pious pleasure in writing the name Smithe.

Leaving these opinions, which, to say the least, are somewhat apocryphal, your Committee will come down to some historical facts connected with the origin of the name. There can be no doubt but it was originally applied to workers in metal. One of the heathen poets calls Vulcan "the Smith of Jupiter." In Ovid's Metamorphosis, where he describes a combat with the Centaurs, an allusion is made to the handieraft from which this name is derived. The hair of one taking fire from a burning brand hurled at his head is thus described: "His blazing locks sent forth a crackling sound and hissed like a red hot iron within the smithy drowned." If we come to a still later period we find modifications of the name derived from the German schmeisen, "to smite," the Swedish smida, "to hammer," and the Danish smider, "to forge," "to invent," but the genuine name Smith is pure Saxon from the word smitan, "to strike."

During the age of chivalry artisans in metal were in great request, and as they took the appellation of Smith in addition to their former name it gradually came in use as a surname. This time-honored name has become established and rendered conspicuous by a multitude of eminent individuals states men, historians, political economists, lawyers, physicians, merchants, and bankers. The Mormon prophet (Jo Smith) has rendered the name immor-

We find on examining the public records, Cabinet officers and Governors of several States bearing the distinguished name of Smith. The newly appointed Governor of the City of Mexico is Gen. Power Smith. The name stands enrolled among men holding the first rank in literature and science. In time of war it has always stood out in bold relief among the killed, wounded and missing, showing conclusively that the race is not only conspicuous for its valor and patriotism, but that some of them at least think with Falstaff that "Prudence is too better part of valor."

Byron, however, bears testimony to their warlike spirit, for in speaking of the select force who led the attack at the battle of Ismail he says:

Mongst them were several Englishmen of pith Sixteen called Thompson and nineteen named

Leaving the consideration of the name in general, the Committee would briefly

call the attention of the house to that celebrated member of the family named John. John is a person of singular ubiquity, so much so that go where you will you invariably find him. His versatility of character and talent is no less amazing. The first we hear of him is fighting among the Turks, next beholding him conspicuous in founding the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia, where he narrowly escaped from the Indians through the intervention of the celebrated Pocahontas. John is subsequently found in the Senate of the United States; he becomes a member of Congress, and finally condescends to take a seat in the State Legislature. Strange to relate, he again appears as an eminent Doctor of Divinity. John was the first President of Union College in this State. His warlike predilections again seize him and we find him figuring on the northeastern boundary. By one of those strange vicissitudes which sometimes occur in human affairs we next see John in a position entirely new

In examining the police reports of the city of New York we there find John enrolled as a candidate for the penitentiary. The last authentic account we have obtained of his whereabouts he was suffering severely from a railroad accident from which it was thought he would act

From the foregoing considerations your Committee are of the opinion that Smith is not only a name, but that it is rendered venerable by its antiquity, and respectable by the dignity of its origin, and the character of those who bear it. It is perfectly notorious, and your Committee can state from personal experience that the gentler sex have always been eager to assume this distinguished name when opportunity offered, and it is a matter of unqualified surprise that; in view of the facts presented in this report, a petition like the one under consideration should ever have been pressed upon the notice of the Legislature. The Committee would sooner have expected to see petitions from individuals praying earnestly to be received into this eminent family. A circumstance has occurred since the petitioner presented his memorial which, if known to him, might have induced him to withhold it. We allude to the news that reached Boston a few months since, that an immense estate had been left by one of the ancestors of the Smith family residing in England, and that a meeting would be held on Boston Common to investigate the matter. Your Committee deem it unjust to invalidate the claim of the petitioner to his share in the estate by changing his name before the contemplated meeting shall have been held. It is apparent that your Committee, in coming to the conclusion they have, are actuated by no selfish motive, unless it be suspected they wish to retain within the family every one of its number to share in the disgrace of the numerous crimes which they are fain to admit are

committed among them. Your Committee, therefore, after divesting themselves as far as possible from all personal considerations, have come to a conclusion unfavorable to the

prayer of the petitioner. All of which is respectfully submitted THOMAS SMITH of Schoharie,

WESSELL L. SMITH of Queens, NORMAN B. SMITH of New York, JOHN L. SMITH of Suffolk, JOHN B. SMITH of Monroe.

## Venders' Licenses.

No piece of legislation enacted by the Township Committee seems so difficult for use. There will not remain a vestige of proper understanding as the vender's of the old scenery that has done duty so license ordinance. Members of the long. A new drop curtain will com-Committee, the Collector, and a former plete the interior renovations. The lob-Town Counsel have all expressed opin- by and front of the house will also be ions respecting its scope, but no definite conclusion seems to have been reached, for when the matter came up for discussion last Friday afternoon the views put forward by different members of the Committee were varied and conflicting. The matter is now in the hands of the present Township Counsel for an opinion by which the Committee may be guided in enforcing the ordinance.

enforcement of the ordinance are that it protects the local merchants against the out-of-town venders, who purchase their unsavory stock at the market and September. peddle it through the town at low prices. Another is that it is a source of revenue to the town. An objection to the ordinance is that it requires resident venders to take out licenses. The ordinance has never had a fair trial on account of the differences of opinion among the members of former Committees respecting it. Some of the members were di rectly opposed to it, and voted against any attempt to put it in execution.

The Great Church Combination in Aid of the Mountainside Hospital. On June 14 the Colored Baptist Church

will give a cake walk at the Montclair Opera-house. On June 15 and 16 the churches of Montclair, Bloomfield, Caldwell and Verona unite in a "Grand Garden Fete," to be given in Ashland Hall and grounds, which are to be brilliantly illuminated with calcium lights; the Montclair Brass Band will furnish the music. A hand-

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Insulted a Woman.

Mrs. Michael Quinn of Conger Street went before Justice Post on Monday night and told him she had been insulted by some young men on Bloomfield Avenue, near the Centre. The Justice despatched an officer to the place, an he arrested Michael McNamara. Th latter, however, proved to the Justice that he was innocent of the charge, bu gave the names of two well-known young fellows, who he said were the guilty parties. One of the men thus charged has left town; the other still remains. Justice Post says they will both be arrested.

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